DREDGE MATERIAL DUMPING CLOSER

Several days ago, State Senator Steve Windom announced from Montgomery, that the U.S. Corps of Engineers will soon release a Public Notice regarding a change in procedures of the disposal of dredging materials taken from the Mobile ship channel.

The disposal practice in recent years has been to deposit the spoil material some five or six miles south of Dauphin Island in water 40 to 50 feet deep, according to Philip Hinesley, Field Director of the Coastal Zone Management Program, in the Daphne office of ADECA. The new practice will be to dump the material west of the Pass, in more shallow waters, just south of the Sand Island Shoals. The depth of water in this area is 10 - 20 feet. Mr. Hinesley said that this change represents a compromise on one of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management requirements under which the Corps must operate.

Sen. Windom said, "This is progress in the right direction. The action to be taken by the Corps will not solve the Island's erosion problems, but, in time, it will help." He added that through funding by the Coastal Shoreline Erosion Task Force, a new study has recently been initiated addressing cause and effect of beach erosion in the area.

Dr. John Porter, President of the Friends of the Audubon Bird Sanctuary, and a resident of Dauphin Island keenly interested in the beach erosion problem, explained that this new step may be of some benefit, but it will take some time before any changes become evident. He agreed with Senator Windom that, "It's a small step, but a step in the right direction."

ISLAND SPRING FESTIVAL SET

Spring is in the air and the Town of Dauphin Island will be hosting the 9th Annual Spring Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 4, 5 and 6. The Festival opens Friday evening, April 4, with a "StarBright Concert" performed by the Mobile Symphonic Pops Band at the Water Tower Plaza. The concert is free to the public and is presented by the Dauphin Island 300 Commission and the Town Council. On Saturday and Sunday various activities, demonstrations and displays will take place at several locations around the Island, many of which are free.

Saturday's schedule includes a golf tournament, a putting tourney for the kids, a mullet toss, bake sales, arts and crafts, Fire and Rescue demonstrations, food vendors, a fishing tournament on the public pier, and live music in the evening. A street parade beginning at 1:30 p.m. will highlight the day along with a spectacular air show above the South beach at 3:00.

EASTER SERVICES IN ISLAND CHURCHES

All four of the Island churches will participate in Sunrise Services at Fort Gaines on Easter Sunday, March 30. The non-denominational service will be conducted by the Reverend Joey Karr of the Dauphin Island Baptist Church; Father A. Ellis Wilkins, St. Francis Episcopal Church; Reverend Edwin Cumbie, Dauphin Island Methodist Church; and Father David McGuinness, St.

PUBLIC NOTICE DAUPHIN ISLAND ROYALTY OWNERS MEETING

Mobil Oil Exploration and Producing Southeast, Inc. will be hosting a Dauphin Island Royalty Owners Meeting in the Wheelroom of the Isle Dauphine Golf Club on May 1-3. Royalty owners in the Aloe Bay Field are encouraged to drop by the Wheelroom to visit with Mobil personnel at your convenience between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2, and between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3.

Personnel from Mobil's Exploration and Production office in New Orleans will be available to update you on the operational status of the Aloe Bay Field. In addition, personnel from Mobil's accounting office in Dallas will provide information regarding your interest in the field and upcoming royalty payments for Aloe Bay Gas production.

If you have questions or would like additional information concerning the Dauphin Island Royalty Owners Meeting, please contact Mobil's Owner Inquiry Group in Dallas at (214) 951-4900.

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The Mobile Symphonic Pops Band will open the Dauphin Island Spring Festival with a StarBright concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4, at the Water Tower Plaza.
Development Network Releases Town Profile - Town of Dauphin Island

The DI Development Network is currently releasing their new 1997 "Town of Dauphin Island: An introspective Look at Growth and Development" profile. The study was prepared by A.M. Agapos, Ph.D., under the direction of Jimmie Morris, Development Network Director.

There are several interesting statistical sections in the presentation such as population numbers, utilities and services, town tax collections, and many others. Following is a reprint of many of the sections published.

Population Statistics
Full-Time Residence
2000 2,000 (est)
1996 1,227
1992 1,034
1990 846
980 588

Approximately 440 families reside full time on the Island. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

Usage and population is based on the permanent residents and part-time vacationers. It includes people using or being on the Island at different times of the year.

Fall to winter 1,000 - 1,500
Spring 7,000 - 8,000
Summer Over 15,000

Number of single dwellings: 1,400
Number of residential lots: 2,583
Number of multi-family lots: 287

Tourist Rental Market
Income Generation
1997 $2,924,694 (est)
1996 $2,785,423
(Summer months only)

Annual Per Capita Income of Dauphin Islanders
FY 1996-97 $1,001,492
FY 1997-98 790,639

Town Tax Collections
Sales Tax Privilege Tax Gas Tax Tax
1995-96 233,216 301,871 20,913
1994-95 165,012 190,325 22,207

Town Building Activity
In 1996 a record $3,042,444 in building permits were issued.
79 new homes constructed.
Utilities and Service
Excellent water quality, over 1 million gallon capacity. Electricity average costs $0.073 kilowatt residential $0.090 kilowatt commercial Telephone
1,123 customers Postal services
1,210 boxes in use, 1,500 boxes available
Law enforcement
6 officers including chief 2 part-time officers 7 patrol cars 911 service
Sheriff of Mobile County available Fire Emergency Rescue 16 volunteer firemen Class 7 rating

Paramedics, medical evacuation and USA SouthFlight helicopter available.
Excellent Air Quality Predominantly southern trade winds
Airport Facilities
3,000 foot blacktop-radio frequency lighted airstrip Visitors of Historical Fort Gaines
1986 46,927 persons
1995 44,819
1994 40,508
1993 39,172
Dauphin Island Bridge
Annual Average Daily Counts (Last Count Available)
1996 6,930 vehicles
1994 6,100
1992 4,780
1990 3,660
1988 3,610

Ferry Facilities
Auto passenger ferry service from Dauphin Island to the Fort Morgan peninsula. Operated daily every hour and a half beginning at 8:00 a.m. Call 1-334-540-7787 for further information.
1996: 56,560 vehicles
169,935 passengers

Island Leisure and Social Services
Two island fishing piers, one free and one pay, plus two additional fishing piers on the north side of the bridge.
150 campsites available at Fort Gaines Campground. Usage by 6,000 persons per year.
Two tennis courts at the Isle Dauphine Club.
Isle Dauphine 18-hole public golf course facing Gulf of Mexico.
1996 24,808 18-hole rounds
1995 21,296
1994 22,330

One public swimming pool located at the Isle Dauphine Golf Club.
180 acre Audubon Bird Sanctuary with miles of walking trails accessing pines, oak and magnolias. Nationally known migration route for birds flying to South and Central America.
Two waterfront parks: Bayou Heron Park and Aloe Bay Landing.

Marine Facilities
Dauphin Island Marina has 130 slips with full service.
Marine & Related Offshore Activity
Average of 500 persons per week active in exploration, production and related services activity

Educational Services
Dauphin Island Elementary School (The Little Red Schoolhouse) K-8th grade
Dauphin Island Sea Lab and Estuarium
Alabama’s marine resource center

(see lab) educated kindergarten through Ph.D. level.

Historical Highlights
Iberville explored Dauphin Island for King Louis XIV in 1699.
The French occupied the Island until 1764, followed by the British who held it to 1781.
Spain's influence began in 1781 and ended in 1813.
American control of Island began with construction of Fort Gaines in 1821, completed by 1848.
Dauphin Island was home to the Alabama National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard during WWII, 1941-1946.

Planned development on Dauphin Island began in 1950 with the construction of a toll bridge. The Island was subdivided into commercial and residential lots. First bridge opened in July 1955 at a cost of $3 Million.
Isle Dauphine Club completed the first nine holes of the golf course in 1962.
July 1982, Dauphin Islanders gained access to the new bridge which cost $32.5 Million. Town of Dauphin Island incorporated in 1989.

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Visit Dauphin Island at: www.maidi.al.us-downtown.
It’s time . . . to begin HURRICANE preparation!

- Doris Anderson, Emergency Management Chairman, Town of DI

Before too long, June 1 will be here heralding the start of the Hurricane Season. While we enjoy this lovely springtime weather, it’s time to begin planning for the possibility of a visit by a hurricane. It’s been more than 10 years since we last saw the dangers and destruction of a hurricane . . . but observers now substitute the word "when" instead of "if" a hurricane should come. Let’s not be lulled into complacency . . . let’s begin planning NOW. Here are some things you can do NOW, even before a hurricane watch is announced:

1. Take photographs of your home, inside and outside. In the unhappy event you might have to file an insurance claim. And be sure to date the photographs.
2. Make a list of important papers you would want to take with you, as well as the price less possessions (family photo albums, etc.) and clip this list to your refrigerator door. When the order to evacuate comes, you may be too excited to remember some things.
3. Buy fresh batteries now for your flashlights and portable radios.
4. Plan your evacuation route from the Island. Know where you plan to go and the best route to get there.
5. Make a note of clothing to take with you, at least several days’ worth. Be sure to take your medicines, a blanket or two and remind yourself to take some containers of water.
6. If you do not have a Dauphin Island re-entry card, check with the Town Hall about getting one. WHEN the order to evacuate comes, we will clear the Island in 8 hours. Your part in the evacuation includes:
   1. Clear your yard of all loose objects (trash cans, for example).
   2. Fill your cleaned bathtubs with water.
   3. Shutter or board your windows.
   4. Draw all drapes.
   5. Unplug your appliances (you may want to leave the refrigerator and freezer connected to keep them cool as long as possible).
   7. Re-entry times will be announced by radio and television.

Remember: “It’s better to BE prepared . . . than just wish you WERE.”

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News from Dauphin Island Woman's Club
-Sylvia Murphy, President
The Dauphin Island Woman's Club is in its third year and has an active membership of fifty women who devote their talents for the benefit of those who reside on Dauphin Island.

Under the leadership of Sylvia Murphy, President, the club will sponsor what is sure to be a very successful Bike-A-Thon to raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital on March 15. Future activities include the Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show to be held in the Wheel Room at the Isle Dauphine Club on April 17, 1997.

For information or tickets, please call Chairperson, Joanne Sprinkle, at 861-3212.

The Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held December 13, 1997. Information about this event will be released in the next issue of the Dauphin Island Community News.

Board Members for 1997 are Sylvia Murphy, President; Kay Breitenfield, First Vice President; Nancy Smith, Second Vice President; Anita Dickinson, Treasurer; Jane Tate, Secretary; and Doris Anderson, Parliamentarian.

We welcome new members to join us on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. For location or other information concerning the meetings, please call Sylvia Murphy at 861-4007 or any board member.

Message from the Principal of the "Little Red Schoolhouse"
-Paula Loper, Principal
Mr. John Grewe, a Dauphin Island resident, deserves much credit for securing a sponsor to provide caps to outstanding students of Dauphin Island school. The first cap ceremony was recently held at the school. We were fortunate to have Mr. Kenneth Blackwell of Kenneth Blackwell and Associates, Heating and Air Conditioning, and his family present. The caps are an incentive to students to strive to make good grades and to provide service to the school.

The students of Dauphin Island School are so fortunate! A familiar face to our school is Mamie McCollough, who devotes hours of her time to tutor students weekly. Other times you can catch running around the island. Also, this is the third year one of our "snowbird" friends has given time to tutor also. Marcie Aronson of Minnesota has been working with our students for the third year. If you have any spare time, consider giving it to our school.

An extended day program, ZAP (Zero Abuse of Drugs Program) is held at the school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Loper spend the time tutoring students, teaching alternatives to drug use, and introducing the students to different crafts. If you have a special talent that you could share with the students on these days, please contact the school office.

Have you noticed the new crepe myrtle planted in the median in front of the school? It took awhile to find a sunny day but finally the sixth grade class planted a tree in their honor in recognition of Arbor Day. The tree was provided by the Town of Dauphin Island Beautification Committee. Jeff Collier represented the mayor at the planting along with Dee Gordon and other community representatives.

While the faculty stresses the importance of recycling to the students, we are requesting that residents not leave paper at school if the bin is full. The bin is emptied on Tuesdays. Also, we will not be collecting plastic any longer. We do make a profit on cans, so keep that container full.

The doors to our school are always open to you. Please drop by and see the good things going on. Let us know if we, the faculty and students, can provide any service to the community. A sincere thank you to the residents of Dauphin Island for your continued support of our school and the students.

DI Art and Crafts Guild
Open House May 2,3, and 4 . . . Once Upon An Island
On Friday, May 2, the doors of the US Coast Guard recreation hall will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a wine and cheese reception to kick off D.I.A.C.G.'s three day exhibit, Once Upon An Island. Mobile Bay will serve as a backdrop for the works of potters, goldsmiths, carvers, carpenters, photographers and canvas artists. On May 3 and 4 from noon to 6:00 p.m., members will "throw" pottery and demonstrate techniques such as basket weaving as guests explore the open air gallery display. Guild members invite the public to experience this Island as it's never been seen. Directional signs will be posted on Bienville Blvd. Works may be commissioned and/or purchased during the event. For additional information, contact D.I.A.C.G. President, Barbara Williams at 861-5760 or Patti Naylor at 861-2091.

Dauphin Island Art and Crafts Guild Open House: Once Upon An Island
Coast Guard
Recreational Hall
May 2, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wine and Cheese Reception/Exhibit
May 3, Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Demonstrations/Exhibit
May 4, Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Demonstrations/Exhibit

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New Art Gallery For The Island

The latest cultural asset on the Island is the opening of a co-op art gallery, Pelican Palette. Six well-known local artists have combined their talents, craftsmanship, time and love of the Island to make the gallery a reality.

Holly Carrigan - Her watercolors explode with vivid color. Hidden in her paintings are reflections of Holly’s whimsical personality, often with splashes of her subtle humor. She has been selected for several one-woman shows.

Sadie Roberts Heath - Sadie’s talent and unique style have allowed her international recognition. The award winning artist is acclaimed for her sports art paintings for the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, Polo at the Point, the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic, and numerous corporate and private collections.

Judith Harvey Hempstead - She learned watercolor from her husband, Russ, and pastels were inspired by nationally known pastelist, Robert Frank, with whom she is now studying. Subjects for her paintings come from nature-flowers from the yard or vegetables from the garden. Judy also uses pieces from her pottery collection as subject matter.

Russell Hempstead - For twenty years Russ was a teacher of watercolor at the Nolan-Schmidt Studios in Mobile. He has recently changed to another medium. Now his technique uses tools of the 20th century to produce the look, feel and permanence of a 19th century painting of today’s world.

Gary Murphy - A new resident of Dauphin Island, Gary was an art instructor in New Orleans for many years. Gary continues to paint and to teach at his studio on the Island. Recently received Best of Show at a Mobile Museum of Art show. He specializes in portraits of people and pets.

Barbara Louis Williams - Barbara has been making wheel thrown pottery since 1981. Her pottery is eclectic and employs different decorative techniques. Many of her vessels have air brushed under glaze decoration, some have highlights of gold leaf. She specializes in stoneware dishes and decorative platters and bowls.

If you enjoy beautiful, professional art and want to add elegance and character to your office, home, beach house or cottage, come by Pelican Palette and browse. The hours are 10:00 - 5:00 Tuesday through Sunday at 1606 Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin Island.
News from the Dauphin Island Audubon Bird Sanctuary

- John Porter, President
Those Popcorn Trees . . .
We reported to you earlier about our efforts to clear the area around the Swamp Overlook of popcorn trees also known as Chinese Tallow trees, a sometimes beautiful but always troublesome exotic species. We (being John Dindo, John Dismukes, Mike Henderson, Mike Kahey, David and John Porter and John Andrews from the Town, with a chipper) went out in the cold of last March and cut all those we could identify and dragged most of them out for chipping. Later we went back and applied two treatments of defoliant to the stumps. All this was according to instructions received from the County Forester.

And all to no avail!!! Those young plants that we missed because we couldn't identify them sprang forth in full glory with the spring. By midsummer the visibility from the Overlook was worse than it had been before, since the younger plants were shorter and covered the surface of the water more fully.

We have an alternative in our Management Plan, to go out in dry weather with a bulldozer and clear out the middle of the swamp, deepening and widening the pool with particular care not to disturb the black willows, button bush and other desirable plants. Our Board has discussed this option and agreed to move forward with this approach as soon as weather and other circumstances permit.

Controlled Burn
You will recall our brush fire last February. This served as a dramatic reminder that controlled burns are an important tool in managing land for wildlife and timber and for reducing the risk of wildfires. So we planned for a controlled burn this winter. We asked the Alabama Forestry Commission, those fine folks who, along with the Dauphin Island Fire & Rescue Service, put out the last fire, to have a look and see if they could conduct a controlled burn for us this year. After re-examining the Sanctuary, they determined that it was too rich with fuel for them to assume the liability of a burn getting out of control and damaging private property. An earlier draft of our Management Plan for the Sanctuary called for the establishment of firebreaks in the sanctuary and around the western and northern boundary fences. The internal trails serve as firebreaks to a large extent, but need to be moved wider and perhaps have both sides disked as well. We are now working with the Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board and our neighbors along Audubon and Bienville on the details of clearing the breaks along the boundaries. There may also be a need for some additional internal breaks. These would be lanes, 8-10 feet wide, cleared of vegetation and disked. The establishment of these firebreaks will greatly reduce the risk of a burn getting out of control. We hope to be able to have a controlled burn over part of the sanctuary next winter and continue on an annual rotating sequence of controlled burns. This will be better for the birds, and reduce the risks from uncontrolled wildfires for our neighbors.

New Benches at the Banding Area
Last year our ever faithful member and neighbor, Mike Kahey, saw the need for a bridge across the wet weather stream on the Beach trail just south of the Lake. So he built us a great bridge, just to give himself something to do during the winter. This past winter he felt the same need, so he built two nice benches with steel frames and, with the help of John Dismukes, put them in place in the Banding Area. This already favorite spot for watching birds has been made even better. We are indebted to Mike and John for their constant attention to our needs. And look forward to next winter's project!

Sanctuary Bird Census
We completed a full cycle of quarterly censuses of the birds in the Sanctuary with the fall count in October. The census is an important part of our management strategy. This first year provides us with a baseline count, before we make any significant changes to the habitat such as expanding some of the clearings, controlled burns, thinning, etc. Although we cannot draw many conclusions from only one year of observations we can note some generalizations. We note the most species during the spring, the least during the winter, with the second most in the fall, the next least in the summer, simply confirming what we already knew intuitively; that we play a critical role as a resting station for neotropical migrants.

The winter '97 produced more birds and more species than the previous winter, 445/30 as compared to 256/26 for '96. Probably the most telling contributor to this difference was the more severe winter of 1996.

Tupelo Gum Swamp Acquisition
As mentioned in the last newsletter, there are some rather extensive areas on the Island have turned into wetlands since they were platted in the 1950s. The area between Dauphin and Hernando, south of Bienville has six cross streets that were never developed, leaving 24 lots in one large block. Many of these are wet, some having even developed into a Tupelo Gum Swamp that stretches from the primary dune on the south to Indian Bluff on the north. These wet lots form a small lake that is in reality a reservoir for our shallow well water supply. The area is also terrific birding habitat! Last spring, during the AOS meeting, a few intrepid birders found the area and had some good birds Swainson's Warbler, Purple Gallinule, even a Chuck-will's-willow asleep on a tree limb.

There are other areas of the Island where there are even more extensive wetlands . . . a perfect opportunity to save some more habitat, increase the birding opportunities on the Island, and help preserve more of our water supply. At the last meeting of our Board, they decided to concentrate on a three phase approach to acquisition. They allocated up to $5,000 from our current funds for the acquisition of a first, critical part. Almost a $1,000 of that had already been donated specifically for the acquisition of this habitat. We will now launch a fund raising campaign to raise an additional $5,000 and, simultaneously seek a 2:1 matching grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to bring our total operating fund up to $15,000 for this first purchase, with the unexpended balance going to a base for the second phase. We have already begun work on this fund raising campaign and plan to have letters in the mail to some 5-7,000 potential contributors before the end of March.

We have learned also that there are individuals in the neighborhood with interests similar to ours. They have already acquired some...
of the lots in the block and we will be working with them to assure that any development will be done in a sustainable fashion and that the future of the habitat is protected. After the first lot is acquired we will then move to the identification of the balance of the wet lots in the initial block and initiate a larger fund raising effort to acquire them. Optimistically we will then move on to other areas of lakes and swamps. You may be receiving one of these letters in the near future please respond quickly and generously this is an important project for the Island and the Birds.

Economic Impact Study: Birding on Dauphin Island

Last fall we began a study of the effect of birding on the economy of Dauphin Island. We enlisted the support of Dr. Paul Kerlinger, formerly director of the Cape May Bird Observatory and author of many studies on the effect birders and birding have on the economies of local communities. The questionnaire we are using was adapted from the one he used at "Ding" Darling NWR., FL. A recent study he did at Cape May, NJ for a one day birding festival attended by only 1,200 people, showed that it added almost $250,000 to the local economy! We'll be sampling from 15 March to 15 May. We appreciate the help given by those businesses on the Island who distributed questionnaires to their customers last fall and need 300-400 more questionnaires returned this spring. The Alabama Ornithological Society has joined in with us in sharing the expense of Dr. Kerlinger's services. His report will not only give us a measure of the effect of birding on the Island's economy but also will focus on ways to promote ecotourism on the Island and thus improve our economy.

AOS Spring Meeting - Calling Cards
The Alabama Ornithological Society will be holding its annual spring meeting here on the Island, April 18-20, 1997. Last fall they decided they wanted the merchants on the Island to know that they were here, that they were birders and that they spent their money while they were here. They thought of several ways to do this but discarded the idea of wearing signs around their necks. Instead they designed a small calling card and asked all their members to pass them out, one out every time they made a purchase or paid a bill. They will be doing the same this spring. Keep track of those you get and let's see what the results are. Although the ideas were developed independently this project and the economic impact study above are complementary of each other.

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A Message from the President
February 28, 1997

As time flies by like the beautiful birds of Dauphin Island, so has this year flown by for the Board of Directors of the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association. Just think, the annual meeting of the Association is just around the corner and new elections will be held in May for some outgoing Board members.

I cannot praise this Board enough for all the hard work it has performed during this year. We have been addressing and solving tough issues dealing with development, management, environment and the vicissitudes of local politics. "The noblest question in the world" observed Benjamin Franklin "is what good may I do in it?" Hang in there is more than an expression of encouragement to someone experiencing hardship or difficulty; it is sound advice for anyone intent on doing good in this world. Whether by leading or prodding others or improving oneself, or contributing in the heat of battle to some larger cause, perseverance is crucial to success.

This Board knows how to persevere. We have just finished rewriting our Association's Constitution. The existing Board was presented the draft copy of the Constitution completed last year by the Constitution Committee. Recently, during our last meeting in February, the Board adopted the final draft which will be presented to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.

The Board continues to approve architectural applications regarding housing, commercial development, boat lift, etc. We have just completed a new contract for grill services, dining room services, and catering services for the Dauphin Island Club with Bill Lindley of Barnacle Bill's fame. I am excited about the prospect of success regarding this venture, but I would be remiss to not give great thanks to Donald Rhodes for his contribution to club services during the last two years. He did a great job considering the circumstances.

I want to thank Jim Robertson and his committee for the continuing negotiation process with Mr. Lindley that resulted in our new contract for the Dauphin Island Club. Sunday brunch will be offered again!

I have met with oil company representatives and it appears that the proceeds of oil royalties beginning, hopefully, in July of this year. We look forward to the additional income and to the day that the Dauphin Island Club is running smoothly with a substantial income flow that will provide excellent services and food to all property owners. We also look forward to the continued improvement of the golf course and to the preservation of all DIPOA properties.

The quality of life at Dauphin Island is hard to match anywhere in the world. I pledge on behalf of the Board to protect with utmost care your property and the quality of life for you, your families and for the generations to come. Perseverance is essential to the watchdogs’ and gadflies’ approaches to working for good in this world. We will persevere, but we will do so with practical intelligence.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. CAMPBELL, III
President, Dauphin Island
Property Owners Association

POA BOARD NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED

The nominating committee of the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association is now accepting Board of Director nominations for the May, 1997 through May, 2000 term of office. All interested parties should contact the POA office for details: 861-4228. (Only property owners are eligible for consideration.)

HURRICANE RE-ENTRY CARDS

In case of a hurricane, you will not be able to return to the island without a current re-entry card. Cards, good through March, 1998, are now being issued at the P.O.A. office. To have a priority re-entry card, you must present evidence of a building on your property, such as a utility bill. Call the office at 861-4228 if you have any questions.

DAUPHIN ISLAND SPRING FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT

Say goodbye to the cold and wet days of winter and hello to the beauty and warmth of spring on Dauphin Island! Ask any golf enthusiast and most will agree that spring is the best "golf season" of the year... The course is in top condition, the climate is usually very appealing and we are all ready to shake those "winter blues". Well, dust off your clubs and get ready to play in the annual Dauphin Island Spring Festival Golf Tournament!

This year's tournament is set for Saturday, April 5, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The format is a three person scramble and you can select your own partners. The entry fee is $45 per person and includes, cart & green fee, sausage, beer and soda on the course, lots of prizes, a free ticket for a "Sports Package" valued at over $5000 (package includes: wave runner, set of golf clubs, racing bike, deep sea rod & reel and more. Prizes subject to change.) and a chance to win $10,000 cash for any hole-in-one (hole 4, 135 yards), plus other hole-in-one prizes on two of the other three par 3's!

All entry fees must be received no later than April 3 at 5 p.m. to avoid an additional registration charge of $10. Get a couple of your friends and plan on an afternoon of "fun in the sun!" Additional information can be received by calling the Dauphin Golf Club at (334) 861-2433. Tournament sponsored by the Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce.

KID'S PUTT OFF

In addition to the Golf Tournament, the annual "Kid's Putt-Off" will begin at 1 p.m. on April 5. We here at Dauphin Golf Club, along with our sponsor, Island Real Estate Corporation (Howard Yeager, Broker) are proud to host this unique event which has captured the interest of the area's youth and provides some encouragement with their first golf experience.

The competition takes place on the practice putting green (competition takes about one hour) boys and girls will be divided into age groups as follows: 7 and under, 8-10, 11-12, 13-16. You are encouraged to bring your favorite putter and lucky ball, or we will provide one for you. There is no charge for entering.

Winners will receive trophies and other prizes while all participants will enjoy complimentary refreshments. Entry deadline is at noon on April 5.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

You may recall that last summer Isle Dauphin Golf Club hosted a Junior Golf Program which was spearheaded by Golf Professional, Jeff Collier. The program was designed to give our Island's youth an opportunity to learn and experience the sport of golf while providing a friendly, yet competitive, environment in which to participate. The 1996 Junior Program was so successful that plans are in the works for the 1997 schedule. All children and grandchildren of Dauphin Island Property Owners are welcome to participate in their respective age groups as follows: age 7 and under, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14 & 15-17. Golf clubs and other necessities will be provided to those who are in need. Medals and trophies will be pre-
sented at the Awards Banquet. Additional information can be received by calling the golf shop. Note: The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association has extended its offer to school-age children for 1997. All children and grandchildren of Dauphin Island Property Owners qualify for a $1 green fee (no motorized carts allowed) on any weekday after 3 p.m. (subject to availability).

GOOD FOOD . . . GREAT VIEW!

Isle Dauphine has recently contracted with Bill Lindley (Owner of Barnacle Bill’s Restaurant) to provide food and beverage service at the Club. So what does all this mean?

It means that whether it’s a private party in the Wheelroom or a quick lunch in the Grill, Bill will make sure your dining experience is an enjoyable one! The clubhouse, where the view is always breathtaking, is available for your next reunion, company picnic, reception or meeting. In addition, Bill is planning to serve evening meals in the dining room on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and a brunch on Sunday starting Easter.

A new menu will be offered in the grill (next to the golf shop) and non-golfers are always welcome. Try us out for lunch . . . you’ll be glad you came! We are very excited about our new “member of the Isle Dauphine Family” and we wish Bill all the best.

For food and beverage service information, please call 861-5255.

LET’S GO SWIMMING!

Swimmers get ready! The pool will be open on weekends only during the month of May. Pool memberships will once again be available for your convenience. Our courteous and qualified lifeguard staff will be on duty to ensure that your visit is a safe one. Swimming lessons will once again be offered on both a group and individual basis. Water Aerobic classes are also on tap for those wanting exercise at its best. Specific schedules for the above classes will be announced at a later date.

Tennis Anyone?

“Love” is in the air… well at least down at the tennis courts! Just a reminder to our tennis fans that court reservations can be secured by calling the golf shop. Oh yeah, please don’t forget to lock the gate after your match. Help us to protect your equipment.

ISLE DAUPHINE CLUB FEES

(Prices - per person unless noted otherwise)
Cart Fees, 18 Holes - $11.50; 9 Holes - $7.00
Green Fees (Tues-Fri), 18 Holes - $12.50; 9 Holes - $7.00
Green Fees (Sat-Sun), 18 Holes - $13.50; 9 Holes - $8.00
Pool Fees (All Day): Age 10 & under - $1.25; 11-19 - $3.50*, 20 & up - $5*
Tennis Fees (2 or 4 players), $5* per court, per day.

MEMBERSHIPS

Club Membership: This membership provides green fees and use of the pool, beach, tennis courts and charge privileges for a husband and wife (and children under 18 years of age). The dues are $1038 annually (to be billed at $86.50 per month for twelve consecutive months) or pay $865 for a year in advance and get two (2) free months! Other plans include $135 per month (6 month minimum), $160 per month (3 month minimum) and $185 (1 month minimum).

Single Club Membership: This membership provides green fees and use of the pool, beach, tennis courts and charge privileges for an individual. The dues are $696 annually (to be billed at $58 monthly for twelve consecutive months) or pay $580 for a year in advance and get two (2) free months! The other plans include: $85 per month (6 month minimum), $100 per month (3 month minimum), and $110 (1 month minimum).

Pool/Tennis Membership: This membership provides use of the pool, beach, tennis courts and charge privileges for a husband and wife (and children under 18 years of age). The dues are $300 annually (to be billed at $25 monthly for twelve consecutive months) or pay $250 for a year in advance and get two (2) free months! Note: Memberships are available for June-August for only $150.

Cart Lease Program: Isle Dauphine also offers a cart lease program where a husband and wife or an individual can rent a cart by month rather than on a pay as you go basis. A couple may rent a cart for $115 per month (6 month minimum) or $150 per month (1 month minimum). An individual may rent a cart for $70 per month (6 month minimum) or $100 (1 month minimum).

Weekly Special: This membership offers both cart and green fees on a weekly basis (6 days). Green fees are $25 for a couple and $22.50 for an individual. Cart fees are $15 for a couple and $22.50 for an individual.

Note: Dauphin Island Property Owners receive one dollar off the posted fee that is marked with an *.

Periodically, Isle Dauphine offers an “afternoon special” where an individual can play 18 holes with a cart for $15 plus tax! Please call the Pro Shop for times and availability and to ask about discount details.

Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Committee had the following changes during the past year. Carol Merkel and Chairman Billy Heath resigned for personal reasons. Arthur Giles was appointed to the committee and William C. (Doc) Moore was appointed Chairman. The committee now consists of Connie Taylor, Don Dixon, Arthur Giles and William C. (Doc) Moore.

A total of 263 applications were processed during calendar year 1996. 60 for new construction and 173 for additions, piers, fences and other improvements. In addition to the permit application and building plan review work, we have enjoyed some success in getting more building restrictions and Protective Covenants amended to accommodate changing needs.

The experimental change in meeting time did not work as well as expected. Accordingly, we resumed meeting at 9:00 AM each Tuesday. We encourage inquiries about all aspects of the Building Restrictions and permitting procedures. A wise person once said “a good understanding makes long friends”.

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MAIN BEACH PROBLEM
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- Mike Henderson, Executive Director, Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board

The Main Public Beach is a more complicated problem than I feel most realize. Many people have asked why the Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board does not build public access to the two group pavilions closest to the Gulf, or replace the bath house, or allow swimming. Some of the erosion history of these facilities may help explain our problem. Most of the construction still available at this site was a result of a $170,000 matching grant we put on line in about 1985. All three of the beach pavilions were built on top of the main dune system and were connected by hundreds of feet of boardwalks. At that time, these sections of these raised walkways went down to the beach and then the public would walk a couple of hundred feet further to reach the water! An admission fee of $1.00 per car was charged to help cover maintenance cost and to provide security to maintain a family atmosphere.

By about 1990, due to erosion, we had already lost most of the boardwalks going down to the beach. Furthermore, the boardwalks connecting the three group pavilions and the bath house were destroyed in several places resulting in two of the pavilions having to be closed. At that time, these walkways intersected the two pavilions closest to the bath house along an east/west line. By this point, we also became concerned that the entire dune system could soon be breached and, if so, there was only about 1/8 mile of flat land before the island would be cut in two!

As luck would have it though, Mobil Exploration and Production was beginning a project that required a large amount of sand to be dredged. Even though the disposal area was located close to this project, they agreed instead (at tremendous extra expense) to barge the material to the other side of the island and use a dragline and bull dozer to rebuild as much of the dune system at the public beach as possible.

With this build up of sand, we felt steps should be taken to again provide boardwalk access to the two pavilions next to the bath house. This time though, we redesigned the system so that the boardwalks intersected the pavilions from the north and were, therefore, further removed from the threat of erosion. Competitive bids were received and the work was completed for a cost of $10,000.

The bulk of Mobil’s sand was lost within about two years. Even though they returned with a smaller build up project later, erosion continued and resulted in a loss of land that again isolated these two pavilions. To add to our complications, a year long study of erosion problems funded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, concluded that beach changes related to the erosion had resulted in this same location becoming too dangerous to allow swimming. As a result, we had no choice but to immediately prohibit swimming. Attendance at the site nose-dived and, therefore, admission fees were discontinued, making it even more difficult to fund improvements. Finally, the public bath house, which had made it through Hurricanes Frederick and Elena almost untouched, succumbed to the loss of sand.

Park and Beach Improvements
Whereas, last winter was noteworthy for large projects such as the development of two new waterfront sites, this off-season is characterized by less glamorous, but just as important, facelifts in several locations. For example, Fort Gaines Campground concentrated on first impressions by repainting the Admission/Store building and the traffic signs and lettering. Inside the structure, employees Sam Magoon and Benny Horn, completed the process by laying a new floor, completely rebuilding the shelving, installing a new counter, paneling, and door including all trim. The large bath house is also receiving roof repairs and cosmetic improvements both inside and out.

The bathrooms at Cadillac Square Park are cleaned daily and receive basic maintenance as needed, but they have not had a major upgrade since they were built many years ago. Therefore, we have recently replaced almost every fixture in both the men’s and women’s side as well as most of the plumbing. New lighting was added as needed and an attractive natural wood ceiling was installed to cover past fire damages. The large support timbers of the roof were stained black and the remainder of the interior was repainted light beige. Besides the bathroom facilities, we are also adding benches next to the bike path and replacing the worn out main entrance sign.

The Dauphin Island Fishing Pier installed a state-of-the-art alarm system which has enabled them to alter business hours during the slower periods while at the same time freeing the staff to catch up on a tremendous amount of maintenance problems. These long time employees (Manager, George Miller; Assistant Manager, Greg Tyson; and nicest of all, Cheryl Guilbeaux) repaired or made from scratch over 100 wooden signs including many needed in the campground. They replaced damaged boards on all doors and the north face of the building and installed new fixtures and repaired all plumbing in both bathrooms. They repainted the admission/sales area and the pavilion toward the end of the pier as well as reroofing this structure. Lights were repaired or added as needed. They also replaced entire handrail sections as well as separate pieces and repaired or replaced worn decking in several places.

Still in progress, with the assistance of the Maintenance Department, are

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Fort Gaines Provides Variety of "Living History" This Spring and Summer

Historic Fort Gaines continues to receive praise and recognition for its special event weekends. The Park and Beach Board is thankful for the fine work of the staff including: Manager, Melinda Johnson; Assistant Manager, Sharlene Moates; Rangers, David Havard and Mike Connell.

While any visit to the Fort is an entertaining and educational experience, all agree that special event weekends give a whole new dimension to this site. We average twelve events per year covering a variety of time periods. Obviously, we are best known as a civil war fort and, therefore, the majority of these event weekends are devoted to this period. In most instances though, each event involves circumstances that separate it from the others. For example, in May we will be hosting our 11th Annual Federal Fort Gaines (May 17, 1997). In the final year of the Civil War, Fort Gaines was used by the Union for planning and staging the campaign against Mobile. The "Federal" Fort Gaines recreates the background, experiences and daily life of the Union soldier, which were quite different from their southern counterparts. This year's event is shaping up as the largest of its kind and will recreate one of the biggest battles we have ever enacted.

A direct comparison with this is the Living History Day sponsored by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans (April 18, 1997) and our most famous event, the 12th Annual "Damn the Torpedoes..." (August 18, 1997) devoted to the Battle of Mobile Bay. Between March and September, there are a total of four Civil War events including one with demonstrations and activities to the Town's Spring Festival.

Although the Civil War is our mainstay, for years we have also sought to pay tribute to Dauphin Island's incredible early history. For example, this spring is our 7th Annual Taste of the Colony (March 7, 1997). Depending upon the re-enactor volunteers who are able to attend, these participants can include Buck Skinners, Native Americans, Scottish Traders and European Colonist demonstrating weaving, tomahawk throwing, knife making, wheelwrights, etc. Finally, over 13 years we have been working with members of the Society for Creative Anachronism who recreate the days of King Arthur. They are an international organization and we normally host one of their national events as well as a second one of a more local nature. This smaller one is the Medieval Hit List (March 1, 1997). They may not be the most educational of our events, but they are hard to surpass for color and entertainment.

Although soldiers are a main component of most of our events, much more than fighting is demonstrated. For example the Fort's original kitchen and blacksmith shop are in operation, sutlers (merchants with goods of that time period) are normally present, and many events also offer a candlelight tour and theater that Saturday night. Finally, many re-enactors are family affairs including wives and children, all demonstrating living history true to that period. For further information or an annual calendar of events, please call us at (334) 861-6992.
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Following day, February 2, a break in the rain led Iberville to investigate the harbor himself. At about two o'clock in the afternoon, his party was met with a hard rain, a brisk gale, and such dense fog that they could not see their ships. By evening the soldiers were too exhausted to row back to the ships so Iberville elected to spend the night on the island.

The next day, February 3rd, Iberville began to explore. In his journal he recorded finding on the "southwest end" of the island a "spot where more than sixty men or women had been slain." Along with the skeletal remains were "some of their household belongings." He estimated that the remains had been placed no more than three or four years before. Thus with the name Massacre, Iberville succeeded in casting a spell on the island that is still today the source of many a tall tale.

Due, probably, to the bad weather, Iberville failed to find the narrow pass into the harbor on the north side of Spanish Island. Again moving westward, he built Fort Maurepas, at the site of present-day Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

One of the original settlers, Pénicaud, a carpenter who lived in the colony for most of the first two decades, published an account of his experiences in 1723. Although his memory appears somewhat clouded, he offers important and interesting information about the early colony.

On an exploration trip to Mobile Bay from Fort Maurepas which eventually reached Dauphin Island, Pénicaud became "terrified" after finding such a "prodigious number of human skeletons that they formed a mountain." He reports learning that these skeletons were the remains of a large nation that fled to this region and died of sickness. He indicates that the bones were gathered together and brought to the island as part of a burial ritual. And though the details of Pénicaud's story are suspect, his description of this burial practice, unusual to this region, may have some merit.

M. Le Page Du Pratz published a book in 1758 relating his experiences and observations during his 16 years in the region from 1718 to 1734. He spent four months on Dauphin Island in late 1718. His description of "the bones" is far more interesting, and fanciful, than the short, dry notes of Iberville's journal. Iberville's "spot" becomes an "extraordinary eminence where the dead men's bones just appearing above the sand." Du Pratz has the Frenchmen cry out in horror, "Ah! What a Massacre!" In his account, the unfortunate victims have been mercilessly pursued by their enemies until their peaceful island refuge where they are inhumanly massacred. Du Pratz even reports visiting this "fatal monument." Written almost 40 years after he heard the story and visited the island, the exact account must be suspect. In the defense of Du Pratz, he was only retelling the second hand account of the event, which by 1718, having been told hundreds of times, must have been popular folklore in the colony. The vivid tale, however, surely did not hurt book sales.

Within a short time of establishing Fort Maurepas, Iberville realized that access to the vast river systems which led northward from Mobile Bay were key in forging military and trading alliances with the large local Indian societies which lived in the interior. So in December 1701, he issued the order to move the colony back to Mobile Bay. The actual move began January 4, 1702. Three large tents were erected on the sandy beach just north of the harbor and construction started on the most important structure in the colony, the King's warehouses. A small village grew around the warehouse, but the main town was up-river at 27 mile bluff, Old Mobile. This created a unique arrangement between town and port that was noted by Du Pratz when he referred to Mobile as the birthplace of French Louisiana and to Dauphin Island as its cradle.

The growing population on the island disliked the name Massacre finding it "harsh," and perhaps Bienville thought a new name would bring a new image. At any rate, he decided to change the name of the island to Isle Dauphine and the port to Port Dauphin. In French, dauphin refers to the male heir to the throne and his wife is the dauphine. In April, 1711, the son of King Louis XIV (the dauphin) died, survived by his wife (the dauphine), Marie-Adélaïde de Savoye. Confusion existed in France at the time as to who would ascend the throne after Louis XIV. The historian, Peter J. Hamilton, clearly outlined this situation in his 1910 work, Colonial Mobile, although he concluded that Bienville had named the port and the island for the heirs.

The fact remains that in his official report Bienville did not mention that the name change referred to any specific individual. In French many words have gender usually expressed in their endings. Nouns and adjectives must agree.
Research at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab --
Better Management Through Science

- Lisa Young, Public Relations Officer

Well-known to the general public for its progressive educational programs and
for its impending Estuarium facility, the Dauphin Island Sea Lab is a recognized
leader in another field, just as important but perhaps not as well understood --
research. Research is an essential component to the Sea Lab, an ongoing and
constant effort that focuses on the development of new theory and an improved
understanding of near-shore ecosystems -- the water, the land, the plants and
animals, and how they all interact.

Located primarily in the Marine Science Hall on the Sea Lab campus, which
provides over 7,000 square feet of research space, scientific investigations are
conducted by a staff of 10 senior marine scientists supported by a staff of lab
technicians, as well as approximately 40 graduate students working on their various
theses and dissertations. The Sea Lab's other research facility, the Wet Lab, is
currently undergoing renovations due to having its roof torn off by Hurricane Opal
in 1995. With state-of-the-art scientific equipment, Sea Lab research scientists
conduct cutting-edge inquiry into the areas of biology, geology and chemistry, to
name but a few. Like most scientists, they juggle the need to perform research with
publishing articles in professional journals; writing grants to finance their research;
organizing and attending scientific conferences; and, of course, teaching courses to
eager undergraduates and graduate students.

The range of research conducted every day at the Sea Lab can be overwhelming.
It includes work on:

Habitat restoration -- Dr. Judy Stout's work includes research on how to restore
degraded grassbeds in estuaries and fringing marshes without transplanting from,
and thereby altering, an existing healthy site. She has been working specifically
with the species Vallisneria americana, or wild celery, which has prolific seeds, but
poor germination.

Visitors to Dauphin Island can view another of Dr. Stout's research projects at
the restored Living Marsh on the northern side of the Sea Lab campus. A former Air
Force septic field, the Living Marsh was laboriously hand-sprigged, but is now a
thriving ecosystem that can be enjoyed by all. Not only is it a part of our Estuarium
facility, it is also the site of Dr. Stout's on-going research on habitat restoration.

Oil spill remediation -- Dr. Monty Graham, Dr. Will Schroeder, and Dr. Stout
are working with policy groups, industry members, environmental groups and
restoration practitioners to study oil spill contingency plans as they reflect the
remediation of oil and the restoration of habitat in the event of a spill.

Blue crabs and oysters -- How does the amount of seagrass and the condition
of marsh habitat affect the survival of blue crabs? Dr. Ken Heck has been working
on this issue, finding that the more seagrass that exists, the better the survival of
young crabs, and the larger the size of harvestable crabs. Dr. Heck also performs
research on oyster planting -- under what conditions (food supply, flow rate, etc.)
do the oysters thrive to produce the maximum harvest?

Nutrient levels and water quality -- Dr. Jim Cowan and Dr. Jon Penson have
been examining how nutrients from agricultural runoff, sewage treatment, septic
systems and other sources are affecting plants, and therefore, the entire food web
in the estuary. By sampling such parameters as salinity, temperature, nutrients,
algal concentration and density, and plankton density, as well as examining fin
and shellfish, the researchers are trying to determine if nutrient levels are being
affected by man-made sources, and whether those levels are affecting fish growth.

Habitat mapping -- Using geophysical tools, like sidescan sonar, and using
underwater camera systems, Dr. Will Schroeder has been mapping areas of the
continental shelf to locate natural hardbottom habitats. These habitats are
important to our fisheries, as they furnish sources of food for such fish as snapper
and grouper, as well as providing hiding places for protection from predators.

Hardbottom communities in the northern Gulf are equivalent to coral reefs in
the southern Gulf; they offer crucial habitat for recreational and commercial fisheries.

Acid rain and global climate regulation -- Dr. Ron Kiene is studying how sulfur
gases are produced and consumed by organisms in the oceans. The oceans are net
sinks of sulfur gases to the global atmosphere, and this natural input contributes to
acid rain and also global climate regulation. This information is needed because
human activity has greatly increased sulfur input to the atmosphere. The work is
being carried out with waters from Mobile Bay & the Gulf of Mexico, as well as
on research cruises to remote parts of the ocean.

Effects of ship-groundings on coral reefs -- Dr. Rich Aronson has been
monitoring the long-term impacts of ship-groundings in the newly-created
Florida Keys national Marine Sanctuary. His research suggests that grinding
incidents may permanently disrupt the ecology of our nation's only coral reefs.

Pollutants in marine ecosystems --
One of Dr. Flo Thomas' research topics is on the effects of water flow on the
amount of pollutants found in marine animals and plants. Results of this research indicate that the faster the flow of
water, the higher the level of pollutants in these organisms.

These are just a few of the research projects being conducted by our
dedicated scientists. At the Sea Lab, knowledge of all these disciplines can
be combined for public service, such as our Coastal Policy Program. Dr.
George Crozier, Dr. John Valentine, Marine Scientist Michael Dardeau,
and Coastal Planner and Research Associate Cherie Arceneaux have
worked to provide technical and scientific expertise to local planning
groups. By providing background and training on the valuable environmental
issues of our local waters and land, they continue to address the growing concerns about construction in and over emergent marshes and
submerged aquatic vegetation, development in the floodplain, as well as
beach and dune alterations.

The mission of research at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab is the discovery of valuable information that can be applied to management our nation's
aquatic and coastal resources. For the scientists at the Sea Lab, the better
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The Estuarium -- An Update

For visitors who regularly wander down the East End of Dauphin Island, the changes in the Estuarium occur on a daily basis — and they are significant. The walls are up and the roof is just about finished on the 10,000 square-foot Exhibit Hall.

The parking lot is complete with its fish-bearing gates, and on the north side of the Sea Lab campus, the Living Marsh's boardwalk has been extended to the Exhibit Hall. In the interior, exhibits will begin in the tanks in April, and the future occupants of those tanks, that is, the animal specimens, are currently being collected and will be housed in the Husbandry Building (the former radar dome) until they are ready to enter the exhibit tanks. The entire Exhibit Hall and Boardwalk facility is handicapped accessible.

Along with the anticipated opening of the Estuarium, the fall of 1997 will also see the Sea Lab hosting its first-ever reunion of former staff and graduate students in commemoration of its 25th anniversary. The weekend of Oct. 31st will be a fun-filled, family event, when the DISL will entertain friends from the past with its facility of the future. This year promises to be a momentous one for the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and the entire staff looks forward to greeting the residents of Dauphin Island and the general public in its new Estuarium to demonstrate that science can be as engaging as it is educational.

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Fire And Rescue
- Bill Hunter, Fire Chief

It takes more than just responding to emergency calls to be a volunteer with the Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue Squad. Everyone participates in training on a regular basis. The squad traveled to the fire field of the Greater Mobile Emergency Preparedness Association north of Axis on February 1st. The fire field, run by RISC AMERICA, is set up with real life type fires and a smoke house.

Our first drill was using self-contained breathing apparatus doing search and rescue in a smoke and heat filled container. Crawling on our hands and knees, bumping into walls, doors, and other obstacles trying to find the rescue dummy made for an interesting exercise. Another drill consisted of approaching a pressurized gas fire, showing how the water from the nozzle protects the fire fighter and how the water fog envelopes the fire. The training was a valuable asset for our squad as it provided an opportunity to learn about heat, smoke and help build confidence in the equipment we use. A special "thanks" to the Alabama Port Fire Department for covering Dauphin Island while we were off the Island.

Our responses increased for 1996 as we made 47 fire related calls and 241 medical related for a total of 288 calls. As our community grows, so does the number of emergencies. Lucky for us our squad is also increasing. Six new members along with two of our present members are participating in the EMT-Basic class now going on every Tuesday and Thursday nights at the fire station. Our new members are: Paul Hawkins, Jane Tulley, Carol Ann Ball, Angie Dixon, Pete and Linda Barousse. Good luck to those in this class and Welcome Aboard!

The next event that we are looking forward to is the Dauphin Island Spring Festival on April 5.
Fire and Rescue continued and 6th. We will be located on LeMoyne near the three way stop with an engine, an ambulance and the children's fire safety trailer from the Mobile Fire Rescue Department. We encourage everyone to stop by, especially the children, to learn about fire safety and meet the members of your fire/rescue squad. A hand made quilt will also be raffled off again this year. For those of you who saw last year's quilt you know it will be beautiful. All donations will help the Dauphin Island Rescue Squad.

Spring is just around the corner and people are already working in their yards. A "Safety Tip For Burning:" prior to burning, call the police department, giving your name and location. When burning, keep piles small (less than 6 feet in diameter), have a garden hose ready, do not burn on windy days, do not burn near structures, must burn only during daylight hours, and the fire must have someone with it all times. Always be considerate of your neighbors, they have rights also. If a complaint is filed for health (smoke) or safety reasons, the fire will be extinguished.

We are always looking (as the saying goes) for a few good men and women to join the squad. Anyone interested should contact one of the officers or come to our regular monthly meeting held every third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station.

The members of the Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue stand ready to serve the residents and visitors of Dauphin Island any time of day or night. If we can be of assistance, answer a question, inspect for fire hazards in the home or business, or respond to an emergency, we are here. The next time you see a member, give him/her a big smile. A pat on the back goes a long way (besides, it makes us feel good).

ORIGIN OF ISLAND STREET NAMES

In the early 1950's the Committee on Nomenclature selected names for Island streets "which are significant in the long, romantic and colorful history of this Island which played a vital part in the settlement of North America." Here are several examples:

ADMIRAL SEMMES AVE. - named for Admiral Raphael Semmes, one of America's best known naval officers, a respected citizen of Mobile who commanded the renowned Confederate ship, "Alabama."

APALACHE AVE. - named for the Apalache Indian tribe living in the neighborhood of Mobile, which sent its chief to Isle Dauphine along with twenty-three other Indian Nations to sing their calumet of peace to Monsieur de L'Epinet, Governor General of Louisiana.

TONTY STREET - named for Gen. Henri de Tonty, LaSalle's deputy commander and only close friend, who joined Bienville's group after LaSalle's death at which time he earned the name of Hook Hand from the Indians who feared his wrath and who knew him by an iron hook which he wore as a substitute for a lost hand. Many think that Gen. Tonty is buried at Twenty-seven Mile Bluff where Mobile was first built.

The information above from The History of Dauphin Island published by the Mobile Chamber of Commerce and the Dauphin Island Land Sales Corp. in 1974.

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That's right, Dauphin Island is on the Internet - so, use your PC and explore! http://gulfinfo.com/downtown
over 135 photographs
Webmaster: Bill Dunn

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Let's Keep our Island Neat and Clean
Port Dauphin - Smugglers' Paradise?

You Can Help Historical Investigation!

- Dauphin Island Foundation

Many of you will know the story of the settlement and recent excavations of Old Mobile further up Mobile Bay. But the relationship of Dauphin Island to it, as well as to the early settlement at Pensacola Bay, was crucial to the early development of the Gulf Coast.

Situated on the east end of Dauphin Island, Port Dauphin served as the Gulf coastal port for the French colony of Louisiana from 1702 until about 1720. Excavations over the last twenty years have revealed that a fort was constructed west of a village area. The village site itself has only recently been discovered. The village segment of Port Dauphin is a very important component of the early historic archaeological record, especially for the potential it has to complement the recent discoveries at the Old Mobile site. You can be a vital part of this research because of your interest and your support.

Dauphin Island’s function in early 18th century French colonial efforts along the Gulf coast was unique compared to other colonial settlements in that it served as a support facility to the principal administrative and population center upriver, the site now known as Old Mobile. During the first two decades of French colonial occupation on Mobile Bay the French successfully blocked English expansion into the region by the presence of these settlements. This region was also the scene of rivalry between France and Spain. Anticipating French efforts to colonize the area, Spain preemptively claimed the best harbor on the Gulf coast at Pensacola Bay and established Fort San Carlos in 1698, one year before the arrival of the French.

Though few in number, the French colonists were a diverse group that included soldiers, artisans, Canadian voyagers, and government officials. The accumulation of personal wealth was the goal of most colonists, and trade provided the avenue to satisfy this aspiration. Trade was active with the Indians and with the Spanish. Official policy evolved from initial tolerance of trade in the first decade to restrictive mercantilist sanctions during the second. Because official policy was often circumvented by smuggling (which, of course, is not usually documented in the historical record), the impact of trade on the inhabitants of the colony can best be revealed by comparing the archaeological evidence for material wealth from various sites in the region.

Researchers’ interests in this important period have increased in recent years. At the site of Old Mobile, a thorough survey of the town and excavations at eight structures, all conducted by archaeologists from the University of South Alabama, have revealed much about life in the French colony.

Between 1973 and 1978, Noel R. Stowe investigated a site that was first thought to be the main village site on the island, Port Dauphin. Stowe’s excavations and the more recent excavations, in 1992-93, by George Shorter, archaeologist at USA, in determined that the site is actually the location of the fort built west of a settlement around 1711. Archaeologists have tested the presumed village area as part of a cultural resource assessment in 1993. They located intact deposits and features from the village site, including a number of probable structural sites. The village site was first occupied in late 1701 and was almost totally abandoned by 1724, although the inhabitants began to move to New Biloxi as early as 1719.

Little is known about the inhabitants of Dauphin Island. Why did many individuals begin to move to the island from Old Mobile in 1708? How did their life ways differ from those of the inhabitants of Old Mobile and of Pensacola? How did the life ways of the soldiers posted at the fort differ from those of the other inhabitants of the island? Enlisted soldiers were in the lowest socio-economic class of the settlement, yet by 1726 all of the officers and enlisted men (save one) stationed at Port Dauphin had Indian "servants". Does the archaeological record reflect the historical record?

The village at Port Dauphin was occupied longer than the town at Old Mobile. The Dauphin Island colonists differed from those at Old Mobile by their general lack of direct administrative supervision, consequently, they had opportunities to profit from individual trade and smuggling that would have been difficult or impossible at the larger town. Therefore, the prediction is that artifacts left by the Port Dauphin inhabitants may differ in quantity and quality from those recovered further inland. The archaeology team is particularly interested in determining the sources of artifacts found at Port Dauphin. The villagers had the most direct access to Spanish colonial trade goods (such as Spanish silver coins, Chinese porcelain, and majolica) although even the Old Mobile residents acquired surprising quantities of these materials. The Port Dauphin artifacts will permit a detailed investigation of the internal economic dynamics of the French colony of Louisiana.

Limited survey testing at the village site has demonstrated that intact archaeological features dating to the early French period are present. The focus of this project will be to intensively excavate a portion of the village. The plan is to define and excavate at least one structure and any associated outbuildings and activity areas. Plans are to excavate at least one structure and any associated outbuildings or activity areas. Excavations will last 6 to 8 weeks.

How You Can Become Involved!

As the analysis begins, the Dauphin Island Foundation and other interested parties, will host public talks on the progress of the research. Archaeologists from USA will speak to our school children during Alabama Archaeology Week this spring. Finally, printed brochures will be produced for distribution to the public.

As part of its mission, the Dauphin Island Foundation has offered its support of the archaeological excavations at Port Dauphin to be led by Dr. Gregory A. Wasek and George Shorter of the USA Center for Archaeological Studies. The Center is seeking funding of up to $20,000 in order to activate a matching grant of $20,000 from the Alabama Cultural Resources Preservation Trust Fund of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Your tax deductible contribution to this fascinating and educational project can be sent to The Port Dauphin Project, c/o Dauphin Island Foundation, P.O. Box 946, Dauphin Island, AL 36528. The Foundation's goal is to raise the $20,000 to activate the matching funds from the Alabama Historical Commission. Time is of the essence. Many archeological sites on Dauphin Island are endangered. The Archaeological Center is working with the Town of Dauphin Island, various landowners and other public officials. Ongoing public education and exhibition of the excavated artifacts are planned.

To learn more about this project, watch for notices in the local newspaper and around the Island regarding the first public lecture on the Port Dauphin Project by the Archaeological Team. The first lecture is tentatively scheduled for April on the Island.

(See Related Story on page 12, "What’s in a Name?")
Tell Us More About the Dauphin Island Foundation . . .
- William H. Stewart, Chairman of the DIF Board of Directors

One of the first questions I am asked when I approach a prospective donor is: "Why should we support the Dauphin Island Foundation?"

The answer is both simple and complex. It is an opportunity to help preserve one of the most beautiful coastal regions of Alabama for the property owners of the Island, for the citizens of Mobile County and future generations. It is an opportunity to assist in the thoughtful development of a fragile barrier island with its unique features. It is an opportunity to help a growing but small community plan its future. It is an opportunity to help with projects which positively affect public safety, the education of our children, the preservation of our environment and public outdoor recreation.

The second question asked is usually: "What has the Foundation accomplished in its brief life?"

The Foundation provides a forum for the heads of the five traditional organizations to discuss issues and plans for future projects which may benefit the Island. These representatives, in addition to members-at-large, comprise the Board of Directors of the Dauphin Island Foundation.

About four years ago, the Foundation researched sources, applied for grants and succeeded in raising $238,000 for the construction of what you now see as the biking/jogging trail along Bienville Boulevard. The funding was partly the result of a successful grant application for ISTE (Intersmodal State Transportation Enhancement Act) monies allocated by the State of Alabama. The balance of the funding was a matching grant from Mobile Exploration and Producing.

This newspaper, The Dauphin Island Community News, is another result of the forum of Island representatives of the DIF Board of Directors. Although each of the five civic organizations represented on the Board committed to financially support the newspaper, it has been totally self-funded since its inception. As a non-profit publication, the DICN accepts publication material from most all public and civic groups, organizations and services on the Island and Foundation staff and volunteers sell advertising, write, format, publish and distribute the DICN.

The Dauphin Island Foundation was created in April 1991. Early in 1995, the Foundation secured a commitment of financial support from the State of Alabama for a period of four years, during which time the Foundation would effect self-funding. The State's commitment was terminated after two years, leaving the organization in serious financial difficulty.

The Foundation has taken steps to downsize and streamline its administrative operation. At the same time, the Foundation is researching funding opportunities and assisting in writing grant applications for several Island projects. Further, each of the members of the Board of Directors is actively seeking funding support for the Foundation.

The Dauphin Island Foundation appreciates your support. Some 135 of you have contributed financially to the Annual Fund. If, in this year, the owners of the 2,593 residential lots and 287 multifamily lots, would subscribe to Foundation membership with a small contribution of $25.00, not only will the Foundation meet its annual budget, but would be in a position to make sizable contributions of matching funds necessary to successfully achieve many of the grants available to nonprofit organizations like the DIF.

As your Chairman of the Board and volunteer Executive Directors, I solicit your support of your Dauphin Island Foundation.

Establish Your Partnership With The Dauphin Island Foundation

Yes, I want to support the Dauphin Island Foundation to achieve its mission for the benefit of the community of Dauphin Island . . .

. . . to preserve and promote the environmental integrity and beauty of Dauphin Island by encouraging thoughtful development of the community as a setting for family life, recreation, and commerce centered on its rich, natural and historic assets.

Please check desired category:

- Sustaining Member, $25 - $250
- Sponsoring Member, $251 - $999
- Corporate Member, $1,000
- Endowment Member, significant trust or endowment gift

Port Dauphin Archaeological Project (see story on page 18)
Amount

Name
Address
City
State
Zip
Phone

Mail your tax deductible contribution with this form to: The Dauphin Island Foundation, P.O. Box 946, Dauphin Island, AL 36528. Telephone: (334) 861-3800.

Thank you for your support!

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"Best Burgers on the Island"
Game Room Fun/Great Ice Cream
Hawaiian Shaved Ice
Lunch and Dinner
Thur-Mon this Spring
Open 7 days This Summer

-NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED-
Across from the Fishing Pier
Call ahead for delivery 861-6136

Join us for our Grand Opening at the Dauphin Island Spring Festival

Island Divers
DIVE SHOP
Dauphin Island Marina
861-5073
Specializing in Gulf Scuba Diving And Spearfishing Charters
## SPRING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

### Sunday will feature a motorcycle show, more arts and crafts, bake sales, food vendors, and the fishing tournament will continue until 5 p.m. Guided tours of the Audubon Bird Sanctuary and charter boat rides will be available. The day will conclude with the Taste of Dauphin Island in the Chamber of Commerce Building from 4-8 p.m. Mayor Billy Patronas of Dauphin Island said, “All of us have worked hard to make this event a fun-filled day for the whole family. Everyone is invited.”

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<td>7:30PM</td>
<td>Great Lawn at Water Tower Plaza Admission Free</td>
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<td>Presented by Dauphin Island 300 Commission and Town Council</td>
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<td>Live Music - Buddy Allen and the Fishsticks</td>
<td>6-8PM</td>
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<td>Sea Lab - Touching Lab</td>
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<td>Bazar - Baked Items</td>
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<td>St. Francis Episcopal Church 401 Key St.</td>
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<td>Shell Mound Tour</td>
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<td>Water Board - Dedication of Reverse Osmosis Plant</td>
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<td>Stump Fiddlers Band</td>
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<td>Annual Spring Fest Street Parade</td>
<td>Start 1:30PM</td>
<td>From Marina, down LeMoyne, West on Bienville to one block past the Picnic Area</td>
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<td>Spectacular Air Show</td>
<td>Approx 3PM</td>
<td><strong>ABOVE</strong> South beach between Public Pier and Isle Dauphine Country Club</td>
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<td>Saturday Only</td>
<td>Mullet Toss</td>
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<td>Saturday &amp; Sunday</td>
<td>Spring Fling Fishing Rodeo - Pier Fishing</td>
<td>6AM Sat, 5PM Sun, $3 Adults, $1 Childen</td>
<td>Public Pier (W. of Water tower) For info - 861-5972</td>
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<td>DI Elementary School Bake Sale and White Elephant sale</td>
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<td>Charter Boat Rides</td>
<td>9AM - 6PM</td>
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<td>Ft. Gaines Historic Site - East end of Dauphin Island</td>
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<td>Motorcycle Competition</td>
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<td>Taste of Dauphin Island &amp; The Spirit of Dauphin Island Award</td>
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### Dauphin Island Annual Events And Attractions

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Edmund By The Sea Catholic Church.

Holy Week schedules for the four churches follows:

- **Baptist Church - Easter Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:45 and Sunday morning services at 11:00 a.m.
- **St. Francis Episcopal Church - Maundy Thursday:** Evening Service at 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m.
- **Methodist Church - Easter Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Easter service at 11:00 a.m.
- **St. Edmund By The Sea Catholic Church - Maundy Thursday Service:** at 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday, Vigil at 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m.